WHAT IS CLAIMED IS:

1   1.   A method for providing salary data to a self designated survey group,

2   comprising the steps of:

3   establishing a salary survey service on a server for storing and accessing

4   salary data;

5   accepting memberships from a plurality of members to the salary survey

6   service;

7   storing the salary data from at least a portion of the members in a database

8   associated with the server;

9   grouping a portion of the plurality members into survey group designated by

10   the portion of the plurality of members;

11   generating a salary survey for the survey group using the stored salary data

12   provided by members of the survey group; and

13   providing access via an Internet to the salary survey.

1   2.   The method of Claim 1, wherein members of the survey group are from at

2   least one of a same industry, revenue size, profession, or geographic region.

1   3.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service

2   comprise companies.

1   4.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service

2   comprise individuals.

1   5.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the plurality of members to the salary service

2   comprise trade associations.

1   6.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of accepting memberships comprises

2   accepting contributor memberships and subscriber memberships.

1   7.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of grouping further includes the step

2   of receiving designations indicating the members to be included in the survey group.

1   8.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of generating further includes the

2   step of receiving parameters defining information to be presented by the salary survey.

1   9.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing access further

2   comprises the step of providing access to only members of the survey group.

1   10.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the step of providing access further

2   comprises the step of providing access to the plurality of members of the salary survey

3   service.

1   11.   The method of Claim 1, wherein the salary data relates to predetermined job

2   positions.

1   12.   A method for providing salary data to a survey group, comprising the steps of:

2   establishing a salary survey service on a server for storing and accessing

3 salary data;

4   accepting contributor memberships and subscriber memberships from a

5 plurality of members to the salary survey service;

6   storing the salary data from the contributor members in a database associated

7 with the server;

8   receiving designations indicating the members to be included in the survey

9 group;

10   grouping a portion of the plurality members into the survey group designated

11 by a portion of the plurality of contributor members;

12   receiving parameters defining information to be presented by the salary

13 survey;

14   generating a salary survey for the survey group using the stored salary data

15 provided by members of the survey group; and

16   providing access via an Internet to the salary survey.

1   13.   The method of Claim 12, wherein members of the survey group are from at

2 least one of a same industry, revenue size, profession, or geographic region.

1   14.   The method of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of members to the salary

2   service comprise companies.

1   15.   The method of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of members to the salary

2   service comprise individuals.

1   16.   The method of Claim 12, wherein the plurality of members to the salary

2   service comprise trade associations.

1   17.   The method of Claim 12, wherein the step of providing access further

2   comprises the step of providing access to only members of the survey group.

1   18.   The method of Claim 12, wherein the step of providing access further

2   comprises the step of providing access to the plurality of members of the salary survey

3   service.

1   19.   The method of Claim 12, wherein the salary data relates to predetermined job

2   positions.

1   20.   A system for providing survey data for members of a survey group via an

2   Internet, comprising:

3   a database for storing salary data; and

4   a server providing access to the Internet, said server configured to:

5   accept memberships from members to a salary survey service;

6   store the salary data received from at least a portion of the members in

7   the database;

8   group a portion of the plurality members into survey group designated

9   by the portion of the plurality of members;

10   generate a salary survey for members of the survey group using the

11   stored salary data provided by the members of the survey group; and

12   provide access to the salary survey via the Internet.

1   21.   The system of Claim 20, wherein members of the survey group are from at

2   least one of a same industry, revenue size, profession, or geographic region.

1   22.   The system of Claim 20, wherein the plurality of members to the salary

2   service comprise companies.

3   23.   The system of Claim 20, wherein the plurality of members to the salary

4   service comprise individuals.

1   24.   The system of Claim 20, wherein the plurality of members to the salary

2   service comprise trade associations.

1   25.   The system of Claim 20, wherein the memberships comprise contributing

2   memberships and subscriber memberships.

1   26.   The system of Claim 20, wherein the server is further configured to receive

2   designations indicating the members to be included in the survey group.

1   27.   The system of Claim 20, wherein the server is further configured to receive

2   parameters defining information to be presented by the salary survey.

1   28.   The system of Claim 20, wherein the server is further configured to provide

2   access to only members of the survey group.

1   29.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the server is further configured to provide

2   access to the plurality of members of the salary survey service.

1   30.   The system of Claim 1, wherein the salary data is related to predetermined job

2   positions.